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THE BEAR BY GORDON HANDICAP.

Jockey Pierce's Ride in the Steeplechase Results in His Suspension.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—There was a win and dash about the finishes to-day that was appreciated after the series of provisions of the past week. The improvement in the track was of course responsible for the change, and unless it should rain again, the shortest way home will be permissible to-morrow.

The steeplechase, which was won by Brakeman, brought the first scandal since the cross-country end of the game was introduced here, and the result is a suspension of Jockey Pierce, one of the cleverest of his craft in these parts.

To-day he rode Fred Perkins and came to the last jump with a lead that seemed to mean an easy victory. But at that jump he blundered and fell. No one complained at his fall, as it realized that it was an accident that was as disappointing to Pierce and those that control the horse as it was to those who backed him.

But memories of this horse's showing when last out set tongues wagging. On that occasion he was unplaced after a most satisfactory ride. To-day he had to go to space from the fall of the day and there was no lagging behind. But for all that he would have won by fifty yards or more. As soon as Pierce returned to the scales he was suspended, and the case will be thoroughly investigated to-morrow.

Gold Or Beats Hintine.

The handicap, the event of the day, brought out a really good lot of splinters and furnished a spirited contest. Hintine, thanks to a big commission from his owner, J. J. McCafferty, was favorite at 3 to 1, and a sixteenth from the finish it looked as if he had the money won. An unexpected challenge from Gold Or in the last dozen strides proved too much for him, the two-year-old beating him by half a length.

Compensation, who looked out of his element in a sprint, was a good third, and catching the leaders fast.

The old story of poor rider and big price of pennywise and pound foolish, was told in the last race. When Prince of Orange ran the other day he showed well and some peculiar handling. To-day the same rider, Ball, an unknown, was up, and the price was 60 to 1.

He should have won easily, but the boy could not begin to do him justice, and Elkins, splendidly handled by Van Dusen, beat him out a head.

Tom Gilmore, a stable mate of Elkins, captured the mile dash for two-year-olds, but it cost him some \$200 to return him after the finish. Bob Tucker leading him up that amount.

Dr. Walmesley Wins Easily.

Dr. Walmesley looked pounds the best of the bunch that came to the post in the opening event. The big bettors counted it out value, and it was for him in the end. The mile dash, running easily, with Brown Vail second and Colonel Cassidy third.

J. K. Neale was among to-day's arrivals. He came direct from Sheepshead Bay, and reports that the horses wintering on the grounds of the Coney Island Jockey Club are doing well. Neale will remain here until his string is ready for the Spring galloping.

Summaries:

First Race—Selling, seven furlongs.—G. C. Ben, 100; 110 (Dunlop), 9 to 5; 120 (W. Van Dusen), 10 to 1; 130 (W. Van Dusen), 15 to 1; 140 (W. Van Dusen), 20 to 1; 150 (W. Van Dusen), 25 to 1; 160 (W. Van Dusen), 30 to 1; 170 (W. Van Dusen), 35 to 1; 180 (W. Van Dusen), 40 to 1; 190 (W. Van Dusen), 45 to 1; 200 (W. Van Dusen), 50 to 1.

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Third Race—Steeplechase, short course.—D. W. Kelly, 100; 110 (Dunlop), 9 to 5; 120 (W. Van Dusen), 10 to 1; 130 (W. Van Dusen), 15 to 1; 140 (W. Van Dusen), 20 to 1; 150 (W. Van Dusen), 25 to 1; 160 (W. Van Dusen), 30 to 1; 170 (W. Van Dusen), 35 to 1; 180 (W. Van Dusen), 40 to 1; 190 (W. Van Dusen), 45 to 1; 200 (W. Van Dusen), 50 to 1.

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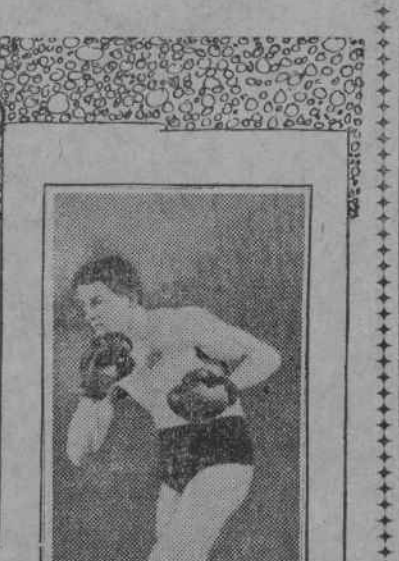
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PUGILISM..... "Right Cross"
ATHLETICS..... George Sands

HORTON LAW RAISES THE PUGILISTIC STANDARD.

It Is Largely Responsible for Defeat of English Fighters by Americans.

By Mr. Chat.

Maybe the Horton law is a measure that does not commend itself to the high moralist, as it is interpreted by our authorities. But if one is to concede that a general knowledge of pugilism is conducive to the manliness of a community or a nation, then such a law is surely a blessing.

I do not think one can doubt that it has contributed largely to the almost uninterrupted series of victories won by our pugilists over visitors from England. The hold-and-cover development of the brie art was unnatural and unhealthy. It made decent men, no matter what their sentiments about pugilism proper, chary about lending it their support in any shape or form.

And if, as seems to be the case, every English-speaking community is bound to have its pugilism, it is infinitely preferable that it should be open and above board, do not want to take up that threadbare comparison between football and fighting, or anything of that kind. Indeed, I do not see how any up-to-date citizen—except a few who feel that their cloth compels them to do so—can think it worth while to tussle against a practice that is so firmly established, and that the public so evidently favors.

Lorillard Purchases a Stallion.

Dr. R. C. Carter, who has charge of the Lorillard's Hancocks Stud, is in town. He is here to receive a stallion recently purchased by Mr. Lorillard in England—Giganteum, by Ben O'Rourke, out of Tiger Lily, by Macaroni, and so brother to Martagon and brother in blood to the still more famous Ormonde.

Mr. Lorillard wanted to buy Martagon, but his owner refused to part with him. While Giganteum never raced, he is a grand-looking bay horse, and the sire of several winners on the other side of the Atlantic. It is good to hear of Mr. Lorillard making such a purchase, as he needs a stallion to replace the dead Sensation, and if he had not bought one the conclusion would have been that he was going to curtail his breeding establishment.

Two stallions purchased in England by Stephen S. Lord & Son, of the Hurlingham Stud, Amsterdam, N. Y., are also on the Atlantic now. I have not been able to learn what their names and breeding are, but they are sure to be fashionably bred and high priced.

Skating Rinks Next Monday.

The first open amateur skating races of the season will take place on New Year's Day at Verona Lake, near Montclair, N. J. At the present time there is good skating on the lake, and if the temperature keeps near the freezing point till Monday next, good sport should be witnessed. There will be three open events, men's, women's and mixed. The men's handicap, limit 150 yards, and a three-mile handicap, limit 400 yards.